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SUBJECT: Equipping the Reserve Forces

- References:**
- (a) DoD Directive 1225.6, "New and/or Combat Serviceable Equipment for Reserve Forces," April 18, 1970 (hereby canceled)
 - (b) Sections 163, 264(b), 672(a), 673(a), and 673b of title 10, United States Code
 - (c) DoD Directive 5000.1, "Defense Acquisition," February 23, 1991
 - (d) DoD Instruction 5000.2, "Defense Acquisition Management Policies and Procedures," February 23, 1991
 - (e) DoD 5000.2-M, "Defense Acquisition Management Documentation and Reports," authorized by DoD Instruction 5000.2, February 23, 1991

A. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a), renames it, updates policy, responsibilities, and procedures for procuring and distributing items of new and combat-serviceable equipment to the Reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces in accordance with references (b) through (e).

B. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Military Departments; The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Joint Staff; and the Unified and Specified Commands.

C. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

1. The Reserve components of each Military Department will be equipped to accomplish all assigned missions and will have an equipment procurement and distribution program that is balanced, responsive to mission requirements, and sustainable. The Department of Defense's long-range goal is to fill the wartime equipment requirements of the Reserve components in accordance with the Total Force Policy.

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2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments are responsible for providing the personnel, equipment, facilities, and other general logistic support necessary to enable units and Reserves in the Ready Reserve under their jurisdiction, to satisfy the training requirements, and mobilization readiness requirements for those units and Reserves as recommended by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and approved by the Secretary of Defense, and as recommended by the Commandant of the Coast Guard and approved by the Secretary of Transportation when the Coast Guard is not operated as a service of the Navy. (reference (b), (c), (d), and (e)).

3. The priority for the distribution of new and combat-serviceable equipment, with associated support and test equipment, should be given to units scheduled to be deployed and/or employed first, irrespective of component. Equipment priorities for Ready Reserve units will be established using the same methodology as Regular units having the same mobilization mission or deployment requirements.

4. Totally integrated training systems and equipment necessary for mission accomplishment will be developed and provided as necessary.

5. Proposals for withdrawals, diversions, or reductions of any equipment from the Reserve components, together with a projected replacement plan for the removed equipment and supplies, shall be submitted for approval after coordination with the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff through the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) to the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Coordination is also required with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict) for Ready Reserves falling under the oversight of that Secretary. Temporary withdrawals or loans in excess of 90 days also fall within this reporting requirement. Projected replacement plans are not required for transfers associated with force restructuring adopted as a result of planning, programming, and budgeting system (PPBS) decisions in the President's Budget. Conditions requiring Secretary of Defense approval include:

a. Reassignment to the Regular units or other governmental departments.

b. Transfer to other countries to satisfy United States Security Assistance Program requirements.

c. Transfer incidental to a force restructuring that was not previously approved during the PPBS process.

d. Transfer resulting from statutory or DoD direction where the allocation between the Regular and Reserve components is not specified.

6. Upon being ordered to active duty or mobilization in accordance with the provisions of 10 USC 672(a), 673(a), or 673b, approval to withdraw or divert equipment authorized Ready Reserve units ordered to active duty can be delegated to the Secretaries of the Military Departments who may then sub-delegate that authority for the duration of the call-up or mobilization. Approval authority for the withdrawal or diversion of equipment other than that authorized for units ordered to active duty, may also be delegated by the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, upon request of any of the Secretaries concerned, after coordination with the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Requests for the delegation of authority for all withdrawals or diversions will be forwarded through the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), who will coordinate with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict), for Ready Reserve units falling under his oversight, prior to submission to either the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense. The Secretaries of the Military Departments will develop and submit projected replacement plans in accordance with paragraph 5 above, not later than 90 days from the date that the effected units are released from active duty under any provision of law. Replacement plans are also required within 90 days from the date of withdrawal, or diversion, for units not ordered to active duty, but from which equipment was withdrawn or diverted.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict), for Ready Reserve units under his oversight, shall monitor the equipment status of the Reserve components to ensure that statutory and equipment distribution policies consistent with the Total Force Policy are implemented by the Military Departments.

2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall after consulting with the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, procure, distribute, store, and maintain sufficient equipment and provide required logistics support to the Reserve components under their jurisdiction, to satisfy training, operational requirements, and mobilization readiness. Logistics support plans for new and/or redistributed equipment must anticipate the needs of the Reserve components and recognize those needs for sustainment to the end of the equipment's life cycle.

E. PROCEDURES

The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall:

1. Establish procedures and develop systems needed to separately identify, validate, and track Reserve equipment

requirements, inventories, and funding through their planning, programming, budgeting, procurement, and distribution processes.

2. In accordance with the priorities established in strategic plans, and with the priorities established for the requirements of the Unified and Specified Command, program and budget sufficient logistical support funds to ensure that equipment will meet operational and maintenance standards that are consistent with national security objectives, and the readiness objectives of the Total Force.

3. When required for mobility training or to ensure immediate access because of mobilization response times, issue equipment and supplies required to support mobilization planning requirements directly to the units concerned if storage and maintenance considerations permit.

4. Replace missing or obsolete equipment currently found in the Reserve components as a matter of priority. Issue representative equipment quantities to units and provide familiarization training, while waiting for the acquisition of the full complement of modern equipment required for mobilization.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall:

1. Advise the Secretary of Defense on the priorities of the requirements for Reserve component equipment and logistics support, identified by the Commanders of the Unified and Specified Commands.

2. Advise the Secretary of Defense on the extent to which departmental program and budget proposals concerning Reserve Component equipment and logistics support meet the requirements and resource needs of the Commanders of the Unified and Specified Commands.

3. Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, submit alternative program and budget proposals to achieve greater conformance with the priorities of the Commanders of the Unified and Specified Commands.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective immediately. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall forward two copies of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) within 120 days.



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